HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4, the Department of Human Services amends Chapter 75, "Conditions of Eligibility," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments make technical changes to clarify and update policy for the Medicaid Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) program to reflect the changing health insurance picture in the public domain. The changes:

- Clarify the two types of plans (group and individual) and the differences in their policy treatment.
- Specify a definite period (12 months) for considering past claims for the cost-effectiveness determination.
- Eliminate the cost-effectiveness determination deemed for certain types of plans based on low monthly premiums or pregnancy. The cost-effectiveness of these plans will be assessed using the same methodology applied to all other plans. This methodology takes into account the cost to Medicaid for the plan deductibles, which can sometimes be \$5,000 to \$10,000.
- Correct program names, rule cross references, form names and numbers, and references to policies that are no longer in effect.

These amendments do not provide for waivers in specified situations because the Department believes these technical amendments, clarifications, and updates should apply in all cases. However, requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department's general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

Notice of Intended Action on these amendments was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on April 22, 2009, as **ARC 7718B**. The Department received no comments on the Notice of Intended Action. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

The Council on Human Services adopted these amendments on June 10, 2009.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.3.

These amendments shall become effective on September 1, 2009.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [75.21, 75.25] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 7718B**, IAB 4/22/09.

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